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MV-22B Osprey Incident

Norwegian Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) Northern Norway's search and rescue operation assets located the wreckage of the MV-22B reported missing on March 18 that same day.

The search and rescue operations have transitioned to Norwegian local police authorities with support from Norwegian Armed Forces military units.

Four Marines assigned to 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, II Marine Expeditionary Force are currently listed in Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown following an aviation incident involving an MV-22B Osprey during a training mission in support of Exercise Cold Response 2022 near Bodo, Norway on the evening of March 19, 2022.

As a matter of policy, identities of servicemembers are not released until 24-hours after all next-of-kin notifications have been completed.

Norwegian civil authorities took the lead in search and rescue efforts, and we are grateful for their professional commitment to our enduring relationship. We are immensely grateful for the support of all first responders, the Norwegian Armed Forces, and Allies and partners that contributed various assets and people in the ongoing efforts.

Though the nature of military service is inherently dangerous, the safety of our Marines, Sailors, Allies and partners is our top priority. Our hearts go out to the families affected by these events.

The incident is currently under investigation by both Norwegian and U.S. organizations.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available on the Official II MEF Twitter: <https://twitter.com/iimefmarines>

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